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November 14, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 ANNUAL BUDGET
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Approve the enclosed Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget for the Watershed
Conservation Authority (WCA) (Enclosure A).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 1, 2003, Synopsis 34, your Board approved a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the District and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) to create the WCA. The role of the WCA is to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve open space and recreational opportunities along the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watershed areas that are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation. The WCA is also empowered to acquire and protect lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes.

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The Agreement entered into by the District and RMC contains several terms and conditions regarding fiscal controls over expenditures of public funds. The WCA is required to adopt an annual budget in a form approved by the District and RMC. The WCA may only disburse funds pursuant to a budget that has been adopted by the WCA and approved by your Board and the governing board of the RMC.

The WCA budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07 has been approved by the governing boards of both the WCA and RMC. Copies of the RMC and WCA resolutions are enclosed (Enclosures B and C). Your Board's approval will allow the WCA to commence receipt and disbursement of funds in conformance with the adopted budget.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility by developing a partnership to effectively manage and leverage our resources and Organizational Effectiveness due to cross-jurisdictional collaborative efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. The proposed projects and other expenditures identified in the enclosed budget will be funded by Propositions 40 and 50 grants awarded to the WCA by the RMC. Approval of the budget will enable the WCA to award State dollars to fund projects of mutual interest to the District and RMC.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement previously approved between the District and RMC also provides for both parties to make contributions to the WCA. The value of the District's contribution shall not exceed \$25,000 in any fiscal year, plus \$500 per annum to cover the costs of mailing notices and other required expenditures. Sufficient funds to cover the District's contribution have been allocated in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Flood Control District Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Creation of the WCA was authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act under Government Code, Section 6500, et. seq.

The budget has been approved and adopted by the governing boards of the WCA and RMC.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The approval of the WCA annual budget is an action that is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because this action is specifically excluded from CEQA's definition of project, pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA guidelines.

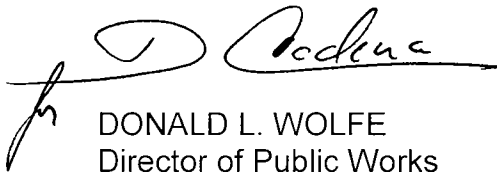
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the WCA annual budget will not have a negative impact on the current level of services provided by the District or by the County of Los Angeles.

CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Wolfe", is written over a horizontal line. To the left of the signature, there is a small, stylized mark that looks like a lowercase "m" or a checkmark.

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Auditor-Controller
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

ENCLOSURE A

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FY 2006/07 FINAL BUDGET

EXPENSES

Operations

Office Supplies & Postage		\$500
Liability Policy		\$1,950
Bond		\$3,000
Conservation Strategy Group*		\$24,000
Miscellaneous		\$500
<u>Operations Sub Total</u>		\$29,950

Grants**

Green Visions - Habitat and Recreation Plan	RMC 3240	\$284,670
Duck Farm Planning	RMC 3243	\$479,823
River and Tributary Access Improvements	RMC 3248	\$500,000
RMC Workprogram Implementation	RMC 3254	\$3,197,481
Duck Farm Acquisition & Improvements	RMC 3255	\$520,233
Green Visions - Habitat and Recreation Plan	RMC 3568	\$500,000
El Encanto Relocation & Planning	RMC 3596	\$875,945
Project Funding Criteria & Mapping	RMC 3565	\$5,202
<u>Grants Sub Total</u>		\$6,363,354

Property Management

El Encanto

Liability Insurance	\$15,000
Ranger Services Contract (40 hr/month)	\$45,000
Structure Maintenance	\$14,400
Professional Water Well Service	\$8,000
Trash Service	\$5,000
Utilities (Electrical, propane, payphone)	\$6,000
Property Management Administrative Support	\$5,000
El Encanto Sub Total	\$98,400

Duck Farm

Liability Insurance	\$15,000.00
Structure Insurance	\$2,000.00
Security Services	\$60,000.00
Weed abatement and Tree maintenance	\$30,000.00
Structure maintenance	\$12,000.00
Utilities	\$5,000.00
Property Management Administrative Support	\$15,000.00
Contingency	\$17,600.00
Duck Farm Sub Total	\$156,600.00

Property Management Sub Total **\$255,000.00**

EXPENSE GRAND TOTAL **\$6,648,304**

REVENUE**

ENCLOSURE A

Flood Control District	\$25,000
Rivers and Moutains Conservancy	\$4,950
Grants	\$6,363,354
Duck Farm Leases**	\$156,600
El Encanto Leases**	\$98,400

REVENUE GRAND TOTAL	\$6,648,304
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* Conservation Strategy Group - Current contract ends on January 30, 2006; will re-bid as necessary.

** Estimated as of 6/6; 6/30 carryover balance to be reflected in the final budget.

ENCLOSURE B

September 29, 2006, Item 10K

RESOLUTION 2006-45

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING THE FY 2006/07 FINAL BUDGET FOR THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve WCA's budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the RMC hereby:

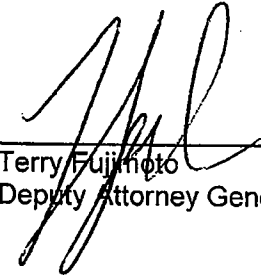
1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the RMC.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the staff report dated September 29, 2006
4. ADOPTS the FY 2006/07 WCA final budget and authorizes the Executive Officer to make budget adjustments of up to 10% within the total approved budget.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on September 29, 2006.


Chair

ATTEST:


Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

ENCLOSURE C

September 29, 2006 - Item 7E
RESOLUTION 2006-24

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE FY 06/07 FINAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority has been established to facilitate joint projects between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement for the WCA provides for the adoption of an annual budget; and

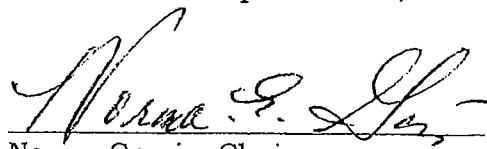
WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

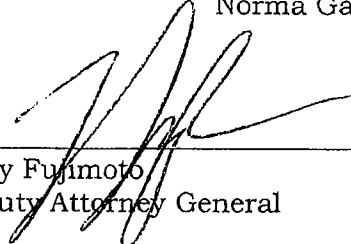
1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the FY 06/07 final budget in the amount of \$6,648,304.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated September 29, 2006.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY on September 29, 2006.


Norma Garcia, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General